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OFFICIAL**THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121**

The Examiner has imposed a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 and required the election of one of the following groups for prosecution.

- I. Claims 1 to 21, drawn to a polymer, classified in class 526, subclass 328.5.
- II. Claims 22 to 28, drawn to a method, classified in class 507, subclass 224.

Applicant hereby elects group I, claims 1 to 21, with traverse.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully asserts that this application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,



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